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In case of a scrap with Spain, how many millionaires and office-holders will be found carrying a musket or wielding a saber for "Old Glory"? You couldn't get one of 'em near the scene of conflict long enough to cock a cannon.

Any other country would have taken Havana, cleaned out the Spaniards, and then afterward would have investigated the Maine disaster. Men and officers on its decks heard two distinct explosions, the external one first, and then the internal one. They were easily distinguished.

This Range News, published at Wilcox, has entered upon its fifth year of existence, and is gratified with the steady increase of patronage accorded to it. Hereafter it will be issued on Wednesday instead of Tuesday, as heretofore. The News is a welcome visitor to our desk, and we wish it continued prosperity.

AN ELECTION is coming along this fall and already the citizens of Cochise county are giving the matter some attention. This is well, as the matter of choosing public officials to take charge of the public affairs of our county is worthy of careful and timely attention from the people. The new officers to be chosen will be charged with the duty of levying and collecting taxes and disbursing them in paying the current expenses of county government; interest on the public debt, etc. These men should be chosen from the ranks of our worthy citizens. The present administration of the affairs of Cochise county we believe will compare quite favorably with any previous one in the history of the county; still there has been some complaint and fault-finding. This is to be expected; it is human nature to criticize public officials, and it is a right guaranteed to the people by the grand principles upon which our system of liberty and self-government is founded. We would not think of claiming that no act of the officials now in office could be found which was not subject to censure, but on the whole the administration has been a success and the affairs of the county have been economically administered, and if the results are as good during the next two years the people will have no just cause of complaints of the officials in charge, whoever they may be. We presume that several of the present officers will be candidates for re-election; we assume this without any suggestions or intimations from the court house. While faithful service is entitled to ask for recognition at the hands of the people, still the governmental structure of the country does not depend on any single individual who ever held office in the county, or any one that will hereafter be elected. It is not too early for the people to begin to discuss the coming election; no harm can be done.

WHAT a farce this Cuban question is getting to be. The patriots have been struggling heroically for over three years, and while they have met with reverses, lost some of the bravest and wisest of their leaders, and more than 400,000 of the sturdy islanders have been killed and starved to death at the instigation of the mother country, they have in the main been successful. But what have we done? The representatives of this people, the greatest nation on earth, while oftentimes offering encouragement to these poor Cubans fighting for their freedom and liberation from the galling yoke of a bondage worse than African slavery ever was, have done next to nothing. It is true a limited supply of the necessities of life has been supplied to keep life in the miserable victims of Spanish cruelty on the island, but the great boon, freedom, which the patriots have been striving for has been mocked at and put to scorn by our shameful inaction. General Lee has apparently done the best and all that he could do, but the head of governmental action in this country, the president, is openly charged with being dominated by Mark Hanna and other Spanish bondholders, and while it is daily stated that he is preparing a message to congress on this subject, no message is forthcoming, and through his position he even checkmates whatever move congress might make in the matter. Such action on the part of the executive is a burning shame and a disgrace, and is certainly a misrepresentation of the will of the American people whom he is supposed to serve. It is claimed that Cuba is the province of another country and her troubles are no affair of ours, but she lies at our very doors, and has been and is now supplicating this people for an acknowledgment of her just rights among the nations of the earth, and while this may in a measure be true, we have to some extent interfered, and it is now our bounden duty to acknowledge her belligerency, and not only this, but we should secure liberty for her people.

## AS AN OUTSIDER SEES US

An Interesting Letter to the Republican from Bisbee.

The year 1898 not only finds the Copper Queen twenty-one years old, but is also the most prosperous year in the history of the district. The company employs many men, 1,150 being on the roll. The Copper Queen company, consolidated, has gained an enviable reputation for its fairness to its employees. The men are at liberty to go where they please for their needs, though it is admitted the company's store being so complete in all its departments, secures the bulk of the trade. Taken as a whole, this the largest mining company establishment of the class in the territory. Like many mining companies in the territory, the Copper Queen company is not disposed to give away any of its business to the outsider. The Copper Queen, or more properly speaking, Phelps, Dodge & Co. and its associates, are more deeply involved in copper mining than any other organization operating in Arizona. The ore is generally low grade, though to the south the White Tail Deer, one of the claims for which the company paid \$50,000, it is said, shows at a depth of 100 feet, copper with a percentage of fifty. The Holbrook, one of the company's mines, is said to show best. This joins the smelter on the south.

It is now definitely known that the Copper Queen company will build a railroad from Nacozari, Mexico, to connect below Bisbee with the Arizona and South Eastern. The distance is 120 miles. There is now a small smelter at Nacozari and the Copper Queen company will shortly put in a large converting plant. The surveys have been made for the 120 mile stretch of railway.

The Copper King is down to the 600-foot level. It is understood that the Holbrook dips to the Copper King. The Copper King of Arizona is now opening drifts. This company has sold considerable stock in Bisbee at five cents, while it is now quoted at fifty cents per share.

C. A. Overlock, the butcher, has three claims between the Copper King and the south Bisbee company's properties. The showing forty to fifty per cent. copper. Only two men are working on the hill, who represents a London company, has been investigating W. J. Green's property in Mexico. He left for London with a bill of particulars a few days ago and the outlook for a sale is good.

The California company, which has been working a diamond drill two miles south of Bisbee, has withdrawn. Some think that there is much more in this proposition than the indications would point to. The cores could not be seen, but it is believed the property is in the belt that runs into Mexico from Bisbee.

The South Bisbee Copper Mining and Townsite company has sold \$40,000 in shares in Bisbee, value 20 cents per share. The company is on what is familiarly known as the McCormick claims. They bought and bonded twenty-six claims, and as the White Tail Deer of the Copper Queen, mentioned above, is sandwiched within theirs, this company and the purchasers of stock feel that the South Bisbee Copper Mining and Townsite company is strictly in it. Peter Johnson is the local fiscal agent. Regular officers: J. P. Martin of Ohio, president; J. A. Fairchild, vice-president; Hon. T. Rowan, treasurer; Hon. H. W. Lewis, secretary; General Peter Weidner, general manager. All the officers but Mr. Martin have offices in the Bryon block, Los Angeles. The capital stock is \$5,000,000. Assays (university) show 135 ounces silver, and trace of gold; second, 34 ounces silver, 0.05 ounces gold, 65.06 per cent copper. The ore is green carbonate and sulphate. Coming out of Bisbee the other night two men got into a heated discussion over the proposition. The result was a bet that a hotel would be built in South Bisbee six months hence. It is possible the promoters will build a narrow gauge line to Bisbee with the purpose of running half hourly trains during certain times each day. Interest in this district is quite manifest.

The above is in the main correct, but there are one or two items that the Republican correspondent is slightly off. The South Bisbee company has sold 75,000 shares in Bisbee and adjacent country. The company owns and controls sixty-two instead of twenty-six claims, and joins the Queen on all sides. In regard to the assay reports, we are inclined to believe that the correspondent is a little off, as in the first no copper is shown, while all the ore carries copper. One assay from the Coulter group going 74.9 per cent.

Conquies is impatient to try its hand on the Spanish question.

## Goes Up Several Notches.

Some people, when they start into anything that gives promise of increasing their worldly wealth, are very enthusiastic and go it with a rush, but if developments fail to come with a rush they get despondent and lose confidence in whatever the enterprise may be. It is so in all the walks of life, and more particularly in mining. When the Copper King was first incorporated and work commenced nearly everybody was hopeful to an extreme degree, and its stock was in great demand. Work was commenced, and the money realized from the sale of stock has been judiciously expended. The indications to start with were good, and in most part have continued good to the present. The main shaft on this property is now down 600 feet, and three drifts started at this depth are at present writing in twenty-six feet. Those who purchased stock in the beginning got it at five cents a share, and have witnessed its steady advance from five to fifty cents a share, and now another raise is announced to take effect on May 2, as the following dispatch to Superintendent Blackburn will show:

"To Chas. W. Blackburn, Bisbee: Copper King stock advanced to one dollar per share to take effect absolutely on the 2nd day of May, 1898. A stockholders' meeting is called for same date. Every holder will get due notice; have written fully. B. C. DAVIS."

## THE EDITOR WILL GET THERE.

It doesn't take money to run a newspaper; it can be run without money. It is a charitable institution, a begging concern, a highway robber, B'Godfrey. The newspaper is a child of the air, a creature of a dream. It can go on and on and on, when any other concern would be in the hands of the receiver and wound up with cobwebs in the window. It takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes a scintillative, acrobatic imagination, and a half dozen white shirts, and a railroad pass to run a newspaper. But money—Heavens to Betsy and six hands round, who ever needed money in conducting a newspaper?

Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. When you see an editor with a watch chain, he is not paying his money to an editor. Make him tell you how he got it. He likes to swap. You die, after having stood around for years and sneered at the editor and his little jim crow paper, be sure and have your wife send in for three extra copies by one of your weeping children, and when she reads the generous and touching notice about you, forever warn her to neglect to send fifteen cents to the editor. It would overwhelm him.

Money is a corrupting thing. The editor knows it, and what he wants is your heartfelt thanks. Then he can thank his printers and they can thank their grocers. Send your job work out of the county and then come and ask for your notices.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He'll take care of all the editors. Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the state to act as a doorman for the community. He'll vet the paper out somehow, and stand up for you when you run for office, and lie about your pigeon toed daughter's tackey wedding, and blow about your big foot son when he gets a \$4 per week job, and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body, and smile at your wife's second marriage. He'll get along. The Lord alone knows how—but the editor will get there somehow.—Ex.

## Latest News from the Front.

Key West, April 8.—(Special to The Orb.)—Lighthouse tender Mangrove arrived here this morning from Havana. She had twenty-eight passengers on board. After landing her passengers she proceeded to her wharf, where she will be fitted with rapid-firing guns. Everything is quiet here, and a state of waiting expectancy and doubt continues as has been for the past week or more.

WASHINGTON, April 8—4 p. m.—(Special to The Orb.)—Assistant Secretary Day announces this afternoon that all citizens of the United States now in Cuba who desired to leave would positively be out of the island by Saturday. He added that Consul-General Lee would leave Havana on that day. Miss Clara Burton is expected to leave Cuba with her nine assistants in company with Consul-General Lee tomorrow. Steamer Brooklyn arrived at Port Antonio this morning from city of Santiago de Cuba, having on board United States Consul Pulaski Hyatt and twenty-five passengers. All was quiet at Santiago when the Brooklyn left. There are three small Spanish warships there at the entrance of the harbor.

## THE CASE FULLY MADE UP

Will Be Presented To Congress For Action on Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Good Friday passed in Washington without a ripple on the surface, either at the white house or at the capitol to show that the United States is on the brink of war. Both houses of congress had adjourned until next Monday, and at the executive mansion there was not the rush of eager and excitable men, but a Sunday atmosphere. Only at the war and navy department were there signs of an impending conflict in the rush of immediate orders to a host of naval officers to report at once for duty on vessels to which they had been assigned, and in conferences among the bureau chiefs on the details of war preparations. As yet the resolve was firmer than ever that unless Spain yielded to America's Cuban demands the United States by force of arms would move on Havana. It was the very recognition of the fixity of this purpose that caused the day to be in marked contrast to the excitement of its predecessors of late.

There was still some discussion of Cuban affairs, but it only served to emphasize the fact that one forward step of immense importance had been taken, for discussion was of an advanced stage and concerned not intervention and freedom of Cuba from Spanish domination, but the obligations and duties that might be imposed on the United States after we had expelled Spain from the island. This discussion revolved around two propositions, namely, intervention without recognition of national independence of the Cuban insurgents, and intervention with concurrent recognition of the present insurgent government in Cuba.

The president's message remains unaltered. Indeed, this being the last day before the message will be sent to congress, alterations are unlikely between now and Monday, barring altogether unexpected developments from Madrid.

After the meeting the cabinet officers stated that the message would be sent to congress on Monday, no change in that respect having been considered and all causes for delay having been removed.

The calmness of the cabinet meeting, which was one of the most uneventful held in recent days, was another evidence of the feeling entertained by the administration that the case is made up and nothing now remaining to be done but to present the subject to congress and await the final outcome there.

The feeling that an end had come to diplomatic talk and that action remained was heard in all quarters, including the foreign embassies and legations, where the ambassadors and ministers expressed the feeling that all had been done in Washington that could or would come in the cause of peace. There are no negotiations in the sense of exchanges on pending propositions.

Both parties apparently have said their last word concerning their respective propositions. Certainly this is true as to the United States, and there was no evidence today that the Spanish government would recede. It is even doubtful whether the concession of an armistice by Spain would be sufficient at this late moment to turn the situation in a peaceful channel.

MADRID, April 9.—General Corrales, Spanish minister of war, in his interview of yesterday said: "Spain must not be alarmed, if war is declared, at the sinking of Spanish warships. What we must at all costs avoid is Spanish warships striking her colors to the American flag. She should rather explode her magazine. I wish to God Spain had a lot of warships from Cuba to the peninsula. We would then say to America: 'We are here; meet when you please.'"

The highest monument in the world is in Washington, D. C. It was erected in honor of George Washington. It is 555 feet high, fifty-five feet square at the base and contains 18,000 blocks of marble two feet thick. In the interior is an elevator, and fifty flights of stairs, eighteen steps each.

The greatest cavern in the world is the Mammoth cave, eighty-five miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky. It is about ten miles long, though to explore its multitude of avenues, chambers, grottoes, galleries, dams, rivers and caverns entails 150 miles of travel.

The largest sheep ranch in the world is in the county of Webb and Dimmit in Texas; it contains more than 400,000 acres, and pastures 800,000 sheep annually.

The greatest distance that shot has ever been fired is a few yards over fifteen miles, which was the range of Krupp's well-known monster 130-ton steel gun, firing a shot which weighs over a ton and a quarter.

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